

# Using Cinemachine for Dynamic Camera Effects

This package requires **Cinemachine**, a powerful Unity tool that allows for **smooth camera transitions, dynamic tracking, and effects like camera shakes**. It can be used for **player-following cameras, enemy-focused cameras, or event-triggered effects**.



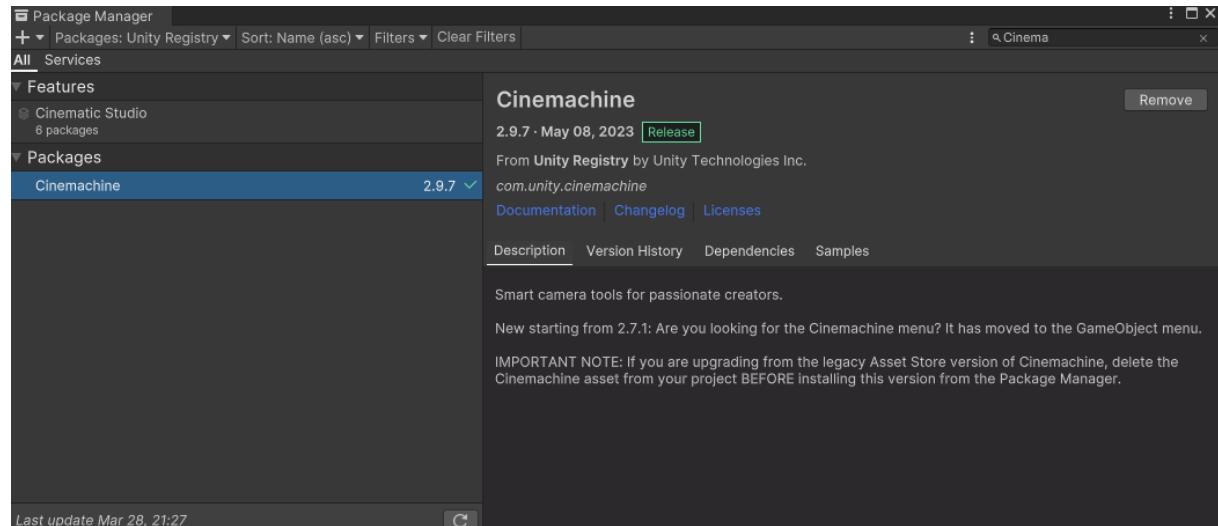
## 1. Installing the Cinemachine Package

Before using Cinemachine, you need to install it from the Unity Package Manager:

### Steps to Install:

1. Open **Unity**.
2. Go to **Window > Package Manager**.
3. In the **Unity Registry** tab, search for **Cinemachine**.
4. Click **Install**.

Once installed, you can start setting up the camera system! 

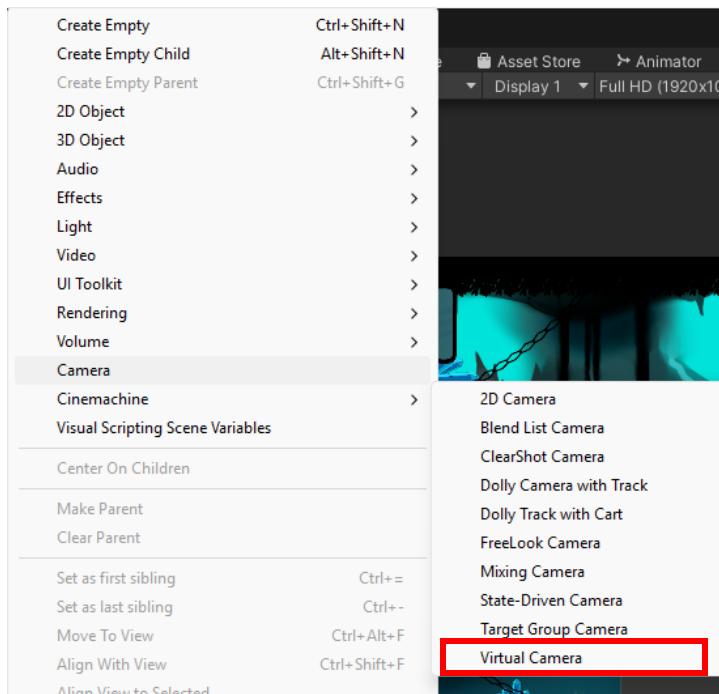


## 2. Setting Up a Cinemachine Virtual Camera (VR Cam)

A **Virtual Camera (VR Cam)** is a dynamic camera that follows objects or creates cinematic effects.

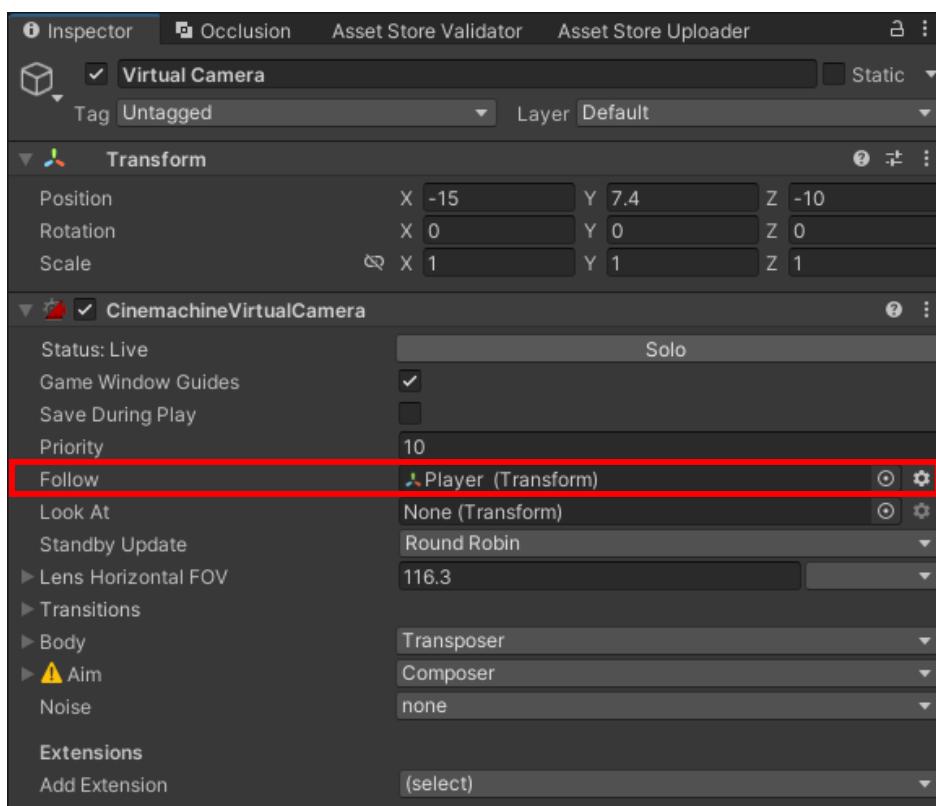
### Steps to Create a VR Cam:

1. In the **Hierarchy**, go to **GameObject > Cinemachine > Cinemachine Virtual Camera**.



## 2. Select the **Main Camera**, and in the **Inspector**, click **Add Component > Cinemachine Brain**.

- 💡 The **Cinemachine Brain** component allows the Main Camera to switch between different Virtual Cameras dynamically.  
If you want the **VR Cam** to follow the player, go to the **Inspector of the VR Cam**, and set the **Follow Target** to the player's **GameObject**.



✓ Now your camera will smoothly follow the player! 🎥 ⏱

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## ★ 3. Adding Camera Shake with Cinemachine Impulse Source

To create a **camera shake effect** (for explosions, enemy attacks, or impacts), you need to use **Cinemachine Impulse**.

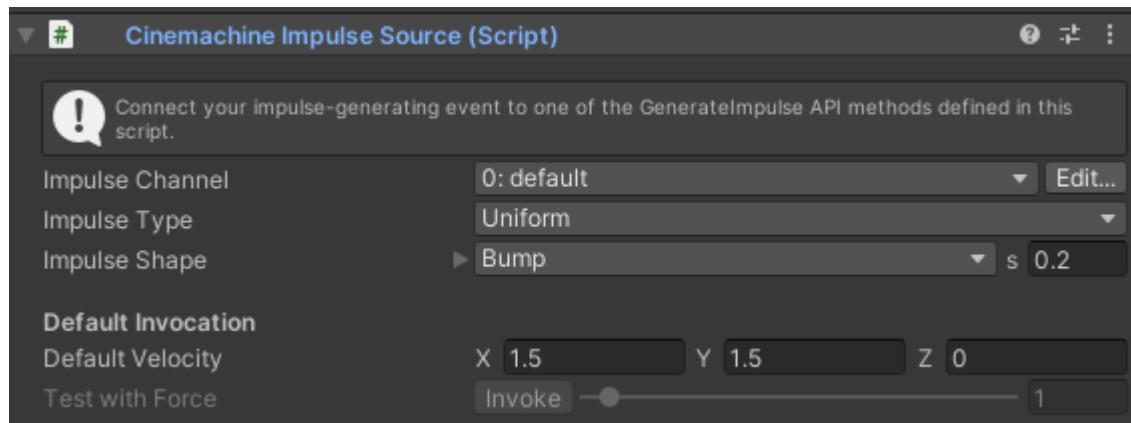
### 🔧 Steps to Enable Camera Shake:

First on the **object that triggers the shake** (e.g., explosion, enemy attack), open the **Inspector**. Then click **Add Component > Cinemachine Impulse Source**.

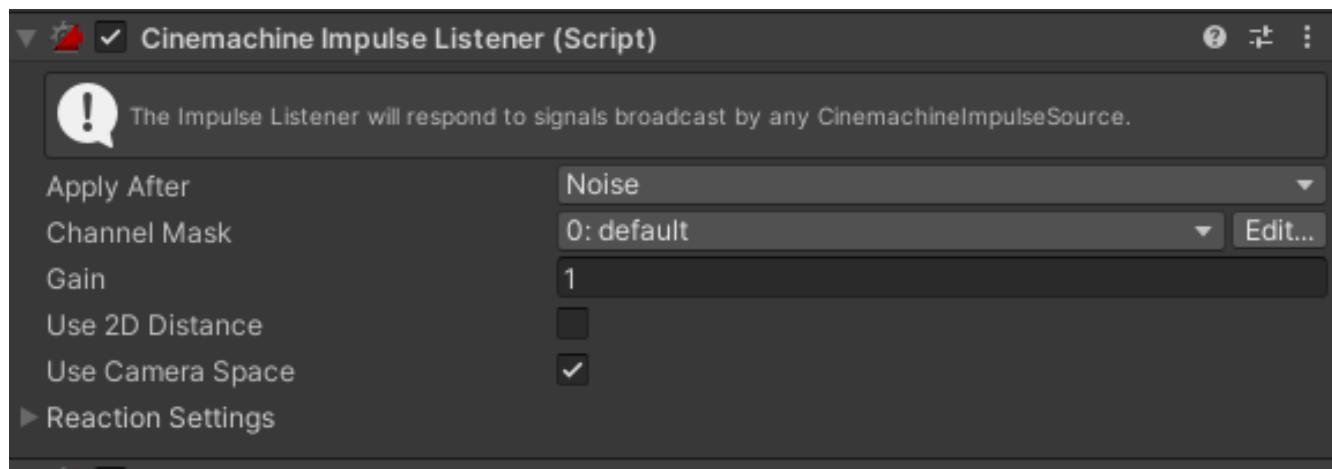
📌 This component generates an impulse signal when activated, shaking the camera.

### Customize the Impulse:

- Adjust **Amplitude** (shake strength) & **Frequency** (shake speed) to match your effect.  
**Ensure the Main Camera can receive the shake signal:**



- Select the **Cinemachine Virtual Camera (VR Cam)** and add a "Cinemachine Impulse Listener" component.



- 🎮 This allows the VR Cam to react to the impulse generated by the event.

✓ Now, the camera will shake dynamically during gameplay! 🎮

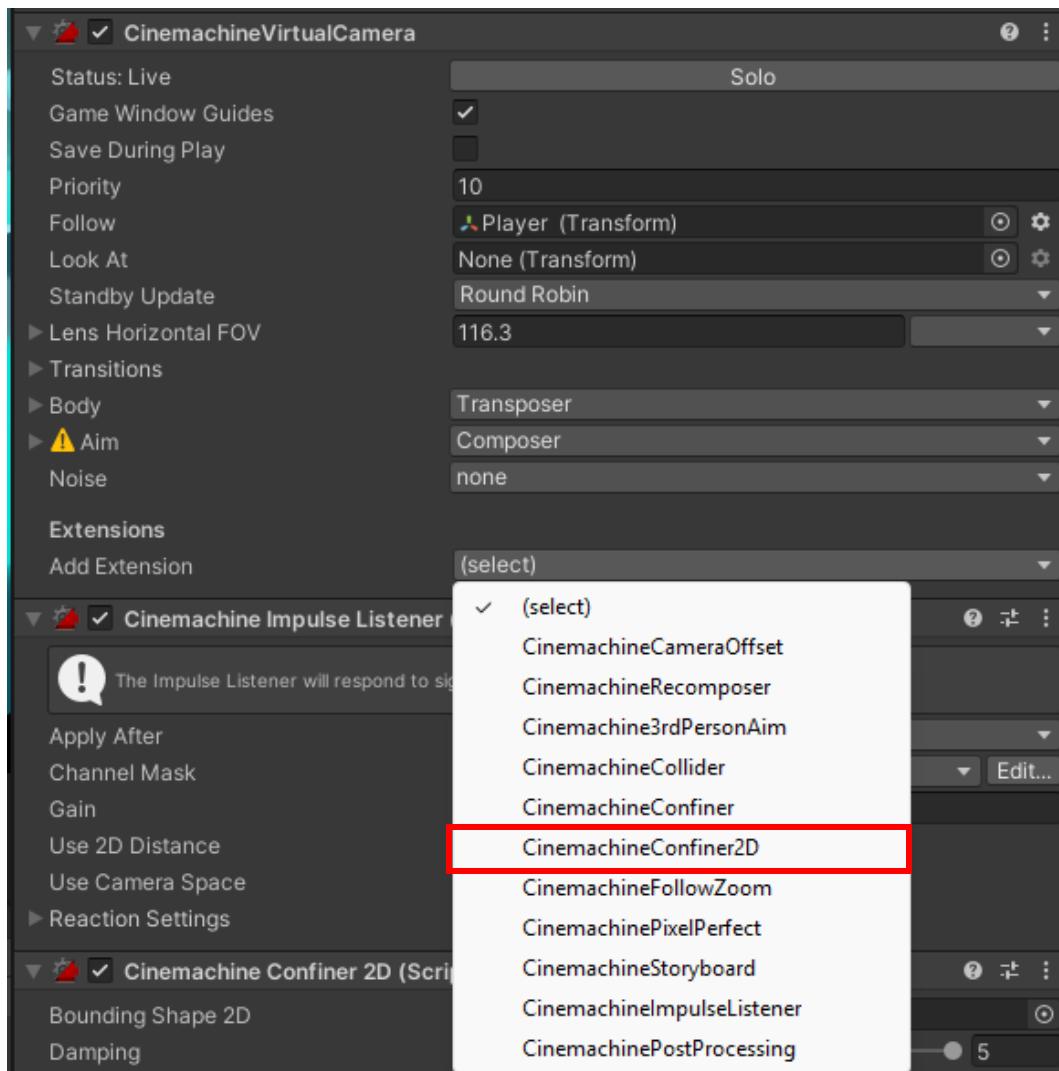
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## 4. Adding Camera Confiners (Preventing the Camera from Moving Too Far)

If you want to **limit the camera's movement** within a specific area, you need a **Cinemachine 2D Confiner**.

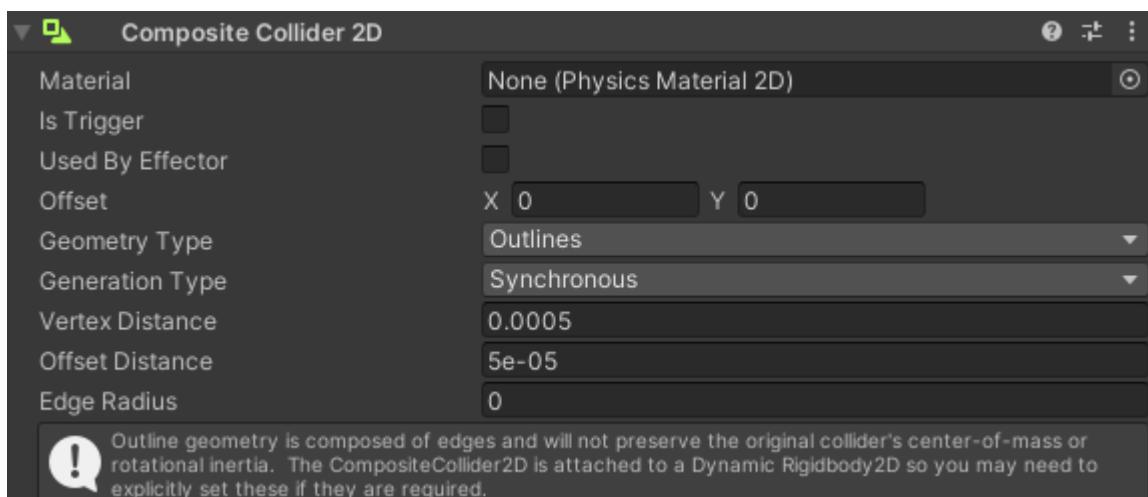
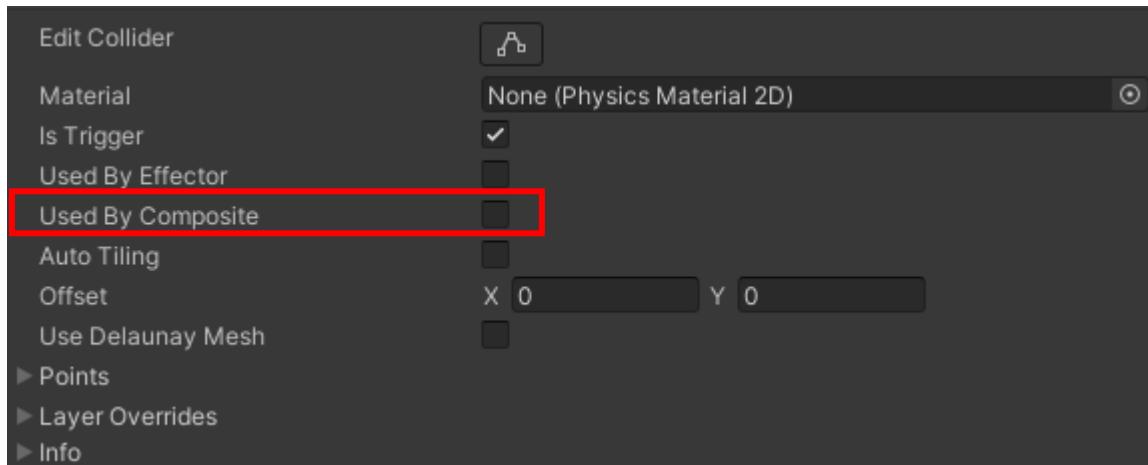
### Steps to Add a Camera Confiner:

1. Select the **Cinemachine Virtual Camera (VR Cam)**.
2. In the **Inspector**, click **Add Extension > Cinemachine 2D Confiner**.



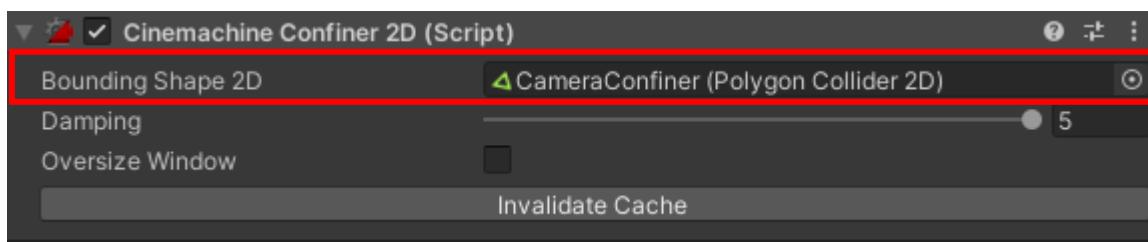
### 3. Create a Boundary Object:

-  Create a new empty GameObject.
- 2 Solutions : Or add a **Polygon Collider 2D** or add any 2D Collider as long as you Check the box "Use by Composite" to ensure proper collision detection and add the Composite Collider 2D ).



### 4. Assign the Collider to the Confiner:

- Go back to the **Cinemachine Virtual Camera**, and in the **Cinemachine 2D Confiner** component, set the **Bounding Shape 2D** to the new collider object.



 Now, the camera is locked within a specific area that you choose, preventing it from moving too far beyond the game level! 

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## ⚠ Final Notes & Checklist

- ✓ Cinemachine Brain must be attached to the **Main Camera** 🧠🎥
- ✓ VR Cam must have a **Follow Target** if you want it to track a character 🏃‍♂️🎥
- ✓ Impulse Source must be present on objects that trigger camera shakes 💥📸
- ✓ Impulse Listener must be added to the **VR Cam** for shake effects to work 🎮📍
- ✓ 2D Confiner requires a Collider with "Use by Composite" enabled to properly limit the camera's movement or just simply use a Polygon Collider 2D 🌎🚧